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MICROCHIP MATRIX DEVICE FOR DUPLICATING AND

CHARACTERIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, said period of response being extended from September 24, 2005 to October 24, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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